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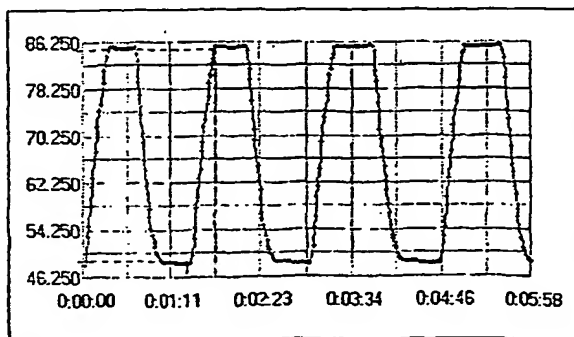
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(54) Titre : LECTEUR DE PUCES DE TYPE BIOPUCES, ET PROCEDES ASSOCIES



AA... Chauffage 2.3 °C/s
Re refroidissement 2.3 °C/s
AA... CHAUFFAGE: HEATING
REFROIDISSEMENT: COOLING

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a device which is used to read and analyse chips. The inventive device comprises a table (11) for receiving a chip (12) that is intended to characterise at least one sample, means of exciting the molecules or cells of the chip after reaction with other molecules and means (14) of reading and analysing the molecules subjected to excitation. The invention is characterised in that the device also comprises: a unit (15) for controlling the temperature of the aforementioned table, said control unit being connected to a module (111) consisting of a plurality of Peltier-type heating/cooling elements which are disposed opposite different slots on the surface of the table; and at least one table temperature sensor (112) which is also connected to said control unit. The invention also relates to the associated methods.

(57) Abrégé : L'invention concerne un dispositif de lecture et analyse de puces, comprenant : une table (11) pour recevoir une puce (12) destinée à

caractériser au moins un échantillon, des moyens d'excitation des molécules ou des cellules de la puce, après réaction avec d'autres molécules, des moyens de lecture et d'analyse (14) des molécules soumises à excitation, caractérisé en ce que le dispositif comprend également : une centrale de commande de température (15) de ladite table, ladite centrale de commande étant reliée à un module (111) comportant une pluralité d'éléments de chauffage/refroidissement de type Peltier disposés en regard de différents emplacements de la surface de la table, et au moins un capteur de température de la table (112) également relié à ladite centrale de commande. L'invention concerne également des procédés associés.

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